



The grace of God is dangerous.

It's lavish, excessive,  
outrageous, and scandalous.

God's grace is ridiculously  
inclusive. Apparently God  
doesn't care who He loves.

He is not very careful about the  
people He calls His friends or  
the people He calls His church.

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Order of Worship

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# Welcome

Welcome to Cross Sound Church. Whether you are a follower of Jesus, someone interested in Christianity, or a skeptic about faith—God is calling you to worship. Wherever you are in life, we hope you feel welcome and at home. If you have never been to church (or not in a long time) and fear that you will not know what to do, how to act, or what to say, know this: God's grace is here and is for people like you.

We are a church that loves our cities: Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Silverdale, Kingston, and Seattle. And while we actively love and serve our communities, we don't pretend to have it all together. Instead, we are a church where there is freedom to struggle with our questions, doubts, and fears; and a place where real healing, joy, and power can be found.

We are a church rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, hope, and generosity.

The gospel, which means 'Good News', tells us that God's Kingdom has entered history in order to renew us and the world. The gospel is more than entering God's Kingdom, it is also the way we face every struggle in life and make any progress in personal growth.

The good news is that Jesus lived the life we should have lived and died the death we deserved to die in order to put us in a place where only He deserves to be—in a right, safe, thrilling relationship with God the Father.

Cross Sound Church desires to be filled with both believers and non-believers, who together explore the claims of the gospel and its effects on our lives and on the world.

Our aim in worship is both ancient, with liturgy that connects us to the Church of old and those who have gone before us, as well as modern, accessible, and meaningful. Underneath it all is our desire to be God-honoring, God-exalting, God-glorifying! Let's worship God together.

## Say hello

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As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and devices for the duration of the service.

# Gathering

*Please join in song when ready*

**Gloria Patri** — Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd Century, Music: Karl Digerness, 2009  
Glory be to the Father                      As it was in the beginning  
Glory be to the Son                      Shall be forever  
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One      Amen, Amen, Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP — Portions of Psalm: 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!  
Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his/her sin and iniquity.*

**Heavenly Father,**

**This morning we come to you both thankfully and humbly,  
To confess to you our sin. We make no excuse for it.  
We simply own it and declare that we truly need Jesus.**

**We have been weak in our devotion.  
We have been shallow in our love.  
We have been busily distracted by many things.  
We have at many times, and in many ways, turned from you.**

**In your overcoming grace and love, forgive us again.  
And in that same grace, give us a growing joy in you,  
love for you, and devotion to you.**

**In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

RECEIVING OF GRACE — Portions of Psalm 103:1-5 (MSG)

O my soul, bless God. From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name!  
O my soul, bless God, don't forget a single blessing!  
He forgives your sins — every one. He wraps you in goodness.  
He crowns you with love and mercy. **Amen.**

# Renewing

**Trinity Song**— *Sandra McCracken*

Holy Father, Son and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in Holy Love

## **Indescribable**

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea

Creation's revealing Your majesty

From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring

Every creature unique in the song that it sings

All exclaiming

*Indescribable, uncontainable,*

*You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name*

*You are amazing, God*

*All powerful, untamable,*

*Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim*

*You are amazing, God*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go

Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light

Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night

None can fathom

Incomparable, unchangeable

You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same

You are amazing, God

You are amazing, God

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The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God praises.

This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

**Way Maker** — *Sinach, Arrangement by Leeland*

You are here, moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are*

You are here, touching every heart, I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every heart, I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, turning lives around, I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart, I worship You, I worship You

*Chorus*

Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, never stop working  
You never stop, never stop working

STUDENT DISMISSAL

LAMENTING — Psalm 86:1,3-4,16

Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
**For I am afflicted and needy.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
**For to You I cry all day long.**

Make glad the soul of Your servant,  
**For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Turn to me, and be gracious to me;  
**Oh grant Your strength to Your servant.**

GREETING — Romans 15:7

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

## QUOTES

*But will God really dwell on earth with humans? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! — King Solomon 2 Chr 6:18*

*God fills heaven and earth. But actually, God fills heaven and earth just as the ocean fills a bucket which is submerged in it a mile down. The bucket is full of the ocean, but the ocean surrounds the bucket in all directions. So, when God says He fills heaven and earth, He does. But heaven and earth are submerged in God and all space is too. — A.W. Tozer*

*We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. — C.S. Lewis*

*Almighty God is as close to us as all times as we are to ourselves. Furthermore, it is God in the fullness of his attributes who is present with us for our good. — Terry Johnson*

*People will persist in regarding the Christian Church as just an institution, one institution among others, just a human organization. But that is not the Church, the Church is this body in which God himself dwells. — Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

*I have no hesitation in saying that awareness of God is the crying need of the church today. — Duncan Campbell*

# Message

**Series: A New Beginning: What Now?**

**Text: Psalm 139:7-11**

**Title: The Presence of God**

**Speaker: Dave O'Connell**

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

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OFFERING — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**He Will Hold Me Fast** — *Ada Habershon, Matt Merker*

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast!*

Those He saves are His delight;  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died;  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God,  
This world is **FILLED with you.**  
You are as close, as you are great!  
Awaken us to your presence each day.  
Help us live with a conscious awareness of it,  
so that we might live with a growing sense of  
wonder, confidence, joy, purpose, and love.  
For this, O Lord, we pray;  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord God,  
This world is in **NEED of you.**  
So, you spared no expense, and gave us your Son.  
Lord Jesus, you left heaven to pursue and rescue us.  
You left a throne in order to be nailed to a cross.  
Awaken us daily, not only to your presence, Jesus —  
But to your unwavering, unrelenting love for us.  
For this, O Lord, we pray;  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord God,  
This world is being **RENEWED by you.**  
We thank you that amidst all of the darkness and evil  
That is present in our broken and fallen world,  
You are at work redeeming, restoring & making things new.  
Lord God, be pleased in your grace to use us.  
We long to serve, love, and bless our world, through you.  
For this, O Lord, we pray;  
Lord, hear our prayer.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever,  
Amen.

# Sending

## **What A Friend We Have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer  
When we leave our burdens in Your care  
For this, today, oh Lord we watch and pray  
Gracious Father, hear our prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION — Numbers 6:24-25

May the LORD bless you  
and keep you;  
May the LORD make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
May the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you His peace.  
Amen

## **Amen**

# Announcements

## **Clipboard Sign Up: Church Event Implementation Team - Volunteers needed!**

We are in the process of planning monthly or seasonal events, similar to our recent luncheon and picnic, and need helpers to carry out a few simple tasks on a regular basis (i.e. picking up food, gathering table settings, etc). If you're interested in participating or learning more, email Kristin: [kristin@crosssound.org](mailto:kristin@crosssound.org)

**CS Kids** We are excited to be welcoming our kids back into our Sunday School classrooms! With the exception of nursery, all students will start in our main worship service. Upon dismissal we will gather in Room 231 for our large group time, and then students will be dismissed to individual classes (upstairs in the same building as worship service). We are following CDC guidelines, and requiring all kids ages 2 and older to wear a mask. Please feel free to contact Laura O'Connell ([lauraoc@crosssound.org](mailto:lauraoc@crosssound.org)), Bill Parrott ([lcparrott@msn.com](mailto:lcparrott@msn.com)), or Ashley Devenyns ([ashley@crosssound.org](mailto:ashley@crosssound.org)) if you have any questions.

- NURSERY (NEWBORN TO 3 YEARS OLD) - ROOM 234
- PREK-2ND GRADE - ROOM 232
- 3RD-6TH GRADE - ROOM 231

**Sunday Morning Prayer** Pray for our church, our worship service, for our community and beyond. Join us all summer long at 9am in the HS library.

**Fall Community Groups have begun!** If you'd like to learn more or sign up, email Roger at [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com)! (Please indicate a group/day preference)

### **Leader**

Dave Sellers

Mark & Cheryl Harrison

Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber

Patrick Kilby

Dave O'Connell

Fred & Robbin Kroger, Tom & Linda Hittle

### **Evening**

Tuesday (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Thursday (Poulsbo)

Thursday (Poulsbo) (Kid Friendly)

Saturday (BI)

Sunday at noon (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Thursday (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Sunday (BI) (Poulsbo)

**Men's Ministry — Join us for Bible study on Friday Mornings** As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Small Groups, Bible Study, worship, and friendships. Email Roger at [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com) for Zoom link

**Women's Ministry — Join us for our fall Bible study** *Elijah: Faith and Fire*, by Priscilla Shirer. Tuesday nights (6:45-8:15pm) or Wednesday mornings (9:15-11:15am), starting September 14 and 15; at the CSC church office (600 Ericksen Dr NE, Suite 210). This is an in-person class, masks required. *Contact Kerri if you have questions, or prefer a Zoom option:* [kerri@crosssound.org](mailto:kerri@crosssound.org); 402-770-5636.

# Connect With Us

If you are new to Cross Sound Church, please tear this portion off and put it in the offering to let us know you were here. You may also use this to inform us of any changes in your contact information, or to submit prayer requests for the staff to pray over.

First time visitor       Interested in more info for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second time visitor       \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry       Please add me to:  
Regular attendee       \_\_\_\_\_      Email list   
Mailing list

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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*We hope these are helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His people, the church.*

## Prayer for the Skeptic

*Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

## Prayer of Belief

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

*Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and my turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.*

## Prayer of Commitment

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your spirit. Amen.*